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FOR: DNA SEQUENCES ENCODING DYSTROPHIN MINIGENES AND METHOD  
OF USE THEREOF

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

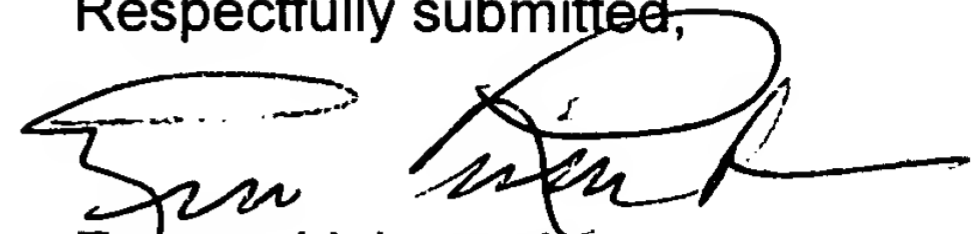
This is in response to the outstanding Office Communication dated March 4, 2004. Please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE DRAWINGS

As suggested by the Examiner, replacement drawings are being submitted herewith as a separate letter to the draftsman and in compliance with § 1.84.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 – 17 and 24 - 28 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

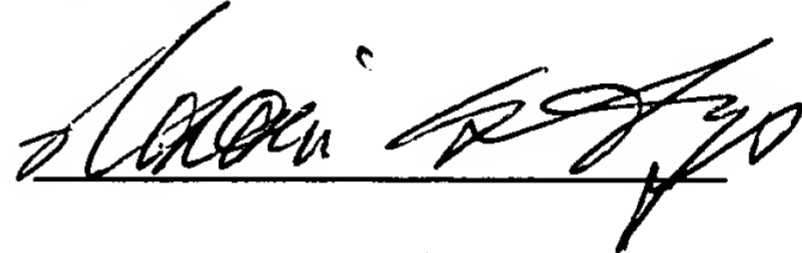


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### IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the attached claims for the claims of record. The claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.